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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/Bearhug 2.0

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INFORMATION

The information in this report is current to 2022-01-22 at 1430 hours.

- A social media post indicates that the Ottawa Police Service will be stopping all transport trucks that are not delivering goods to the City of Ottawa, and that Prime Minister TRUDEAU has requested support from CANADIAN ARMED FORCES BASE PETAWAWA for "Sunday night". We infer that this refers to 2022-01-23. The post encourages convoy participants to drive to Ottawa "now". **The OPP has confirmed with the Ottawa Police Service that this information is false.**
- Some online messaging is advocating for Freedom Convoy participants to attend the homes of Liberal Party members in Ottawa, the Prime Minister's residence on Sussex Drive, and his summer residence in Harrington Lake (Gatineau).
- The GO FUND ME supporting the Freedom Convoys has raised \$1.5 million (2022-01-22 1430).
- A separate fundraiser ("ADOPT A TRUCKER") on the crowdfunding site "GiveSendGo.com" has raised \$11,200 (2022-01-22 1430).
- A Facebook Event page for the Freedom Convoy event at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-29 indicates that 247 individuals are "Going" and 492 are "Interested" (2022-01-22 1447 hours).
- Separate from the Freedom Convoys, the OPP [REDACTED] reported that rolling protests of private vehicles in East Region in support of "WORLD WIDE FREEDOM 6" this morning were smaller than anticipated and occurred without incident.

ASSESSMENT

The online claim that police may be stopping trucks from entering Ottawa and that the military may be called upon to assist could result in increased participation in, and support for, the Freedom Convoys. False claims such as this could exacerbate tensions and encourage convoy participants or supporters to engage in acts of extremism

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or violence against government assets, public officials, and law enforcement. It is unknown why the author of the noted message posted it on social media. The possibility that this was done for the purpose of provocation cannot be excluded.

It is also possible that these claims on social media could motivate protests in support of the convoys at the local level that could occur spontaneously or with little warning.

The fact that attendance at today's events was smaller than estimated should not be taken as an indicator that the number of people participating in the Freedom Convoy will be small. **The number of potential participants and supporters who may participate in the Freedom Convoys and the protest in Ottawa is unknown.** Online claims of current or anticipated convoy sizes are of unknown reliability. Online indicators of individuals attending are also unreliable.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is unclear if the closing of the convoy Facebook page is an attempt at insulation from law enforcement.
- All communication from national organizers will be delivered through Road Captains who are to establish communication networks within their own groups. FREEDOM CONVOY participants have been advised to download the "ZELLO" app, allowing for communications via cell phone mimicking two-way radio.
- Delivery of fuel through Federated Co-Op has been arranged for Regina and Winnipeg; refueling will occur roadside via slow-roll pit stop. Estimated costs are between \$170,000 and \$250,000 per refueling stop, paid directly from the Go Fund Me page.
- Organizers in Ottawa are referred to as the "War Room".
- Port-a-potties, fencing, and security has been arranged for Ottawa.
- National organizer from Alberta will be travelling with a command post, media and security detail.
- Organizers have been liaising with law enforcement in Regina, Saskatchewan (RCMP); Winnipeg, Manitoba, and OPP in Ontario.
- One organizer has claimed that 1 million individuals and 10,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- One social media influencer alleges that 36,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- Convoys are to depart BC on 2022-01-22 and Alberta on 2022-01-23.

INTELLIGENCE GAPS (COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS)

- **Participant numbers - online indicators are unreliable;**
- Potential for some participants to bring weapons or be armed;
- Lodging for participants in Sault Ste. Marie (2022-01-27);

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- Lodging for participants in Kingston (2022-01-27; possibly 2022-01-28);
- Nature and location of evening event in Kingston (2022-01-27);
- Nature of activities in Ottawa by advance convoy participants (2022-01-28 - 2022-01-29);
- Nature and location(s) of "recon mission" in Ottawa by advance convoy participants;
- Date and location of delivery of port-a-potties and security fencing; location of installation of same;
- Lodging and meals in Ottawa if participants remain for a prolonged period of time;
- Plans for any further action should demands not be met;
- Plans for departing Ottawa.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Updated information is in green font.

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- **Ottawa:** World Wide Rally for Freedom 6.0 – convoys will be departing from Odessa and Pembroke, OPP are engaged with organizers.
- **Kapuskasing: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Demonstration** – Kapuskasing Train Station (1100-1900 hours) in support of the truck drivers. OPP [REDACTED] reported participant numbers as 30 people at 1408 hours and no issues. The OPP remains engaged.
- **Whitby:** World Wide Rally for Freedom 6.0 – 605 Rossland Road East (1200-1500 hours).
- **Sudbury: First Greater Sudbury and Area Convoy for Rights and Freedoms** – approximately 100 vehicles attended this event. The organizer claimed that the Freedom Convoy in BC was 3.5 kilometres long; this information is **unconfirmed**.

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- **Kapuskasing: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Demonstration** – Kapuskasing Train Station (1200-1500 hours) in support of truck drivers. Participants attending in vehicles: organizers indicate plans to block one lane of traffic on the road in front of the train station and are expecting supporters from Cochrane, Timmins and Hearst. Number of participants unknown.
- **Muskoka – Huntsville:** Freedom Convoy Slow Roll – Huntsville Place Mall (1200 hours) to Gravenhurst and back
- **Belleville: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll**, 10 Acres Truck Stop on Wallbridge (1100-1300 hours).
 - Route start and finish are same location - route as follows:
 - South on Wallbridge-Loyalist Road,
 - East on Hwy 2 (Dundas),
 - North onto Pinnacle Street and onto North Front Street (by 1200 hours),
 - West onto Bell Blvd return to the 10 Acres Truck Stop.
 - At least one confirmed participant (organizer)
 - Travel at speeds 10 and 15km/hr

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- Organizer has contacted the Belleville Police Service.
 - The convoy will be in OPP jurisdiction travelling down Wallbridge Loyalist Road and then a portion of the west end of Bell Blvd.
- **Toronto** – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll – Jurassic Park at Scotiabank Arena (1130 hours). This event coincides with other local actions and could affect traffic on the Lakeshore, Gardiner Expressway, Don Valley Parkway, and other main roadways in surrounding areas. The Toronto Police Service is engaged.

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